

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of transferring users' e-mail accounts from a source server to a destination server, the method comprising:

setting up the destination server to act as a gateway for transferring e-mail connections [[to]]intended for the source server, wherein each e-mail account residing on the source server has ~~having~~ associated log on details for accessing the e-mail account; and

when the user logs on to one of the e-mail accounts using the associated log on details via the destination server for the first time, setting up the destination server to ~~automatically~~ collect the associated log on details entered by the user as the user logs on for the first time and to initiate the transfer of the user's mail folder and its contents from the source server to the destination server.

Claim 2 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein setting up the destination server comprises allocating the destination server the same IP address as the source server, the method further comprising allocating the source server a new IP address.

Claim 3 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising retiring the source server once all e-mail accounts have been transferred.

Claim 4 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising routing mail connections to users' e-mail accounts via the destination server with a router.

Claim 5 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 4, further comprising retiring the source server once all e-mail accounts have been transferred.

Claims 6-10 (Cancelled).

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising initiating the transfer of the user's mail folder when each user logs on for the first time before the destination server services the user.

Claim 12 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 11, wherein setting up the destination server comprises allocating the destination server the same IP address as the source server, the method further comprising allocating the source server a new IP address.

Claim 13 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 12, further comprising retiring the source server once all e-mail accounts have been transferred.

Claim 14 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 11, further comprising routing mail connections to users' e-mail accounts via the destination server with a router.

Claim 15 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 14, further comprising retiring the source server once all e-mail accounts have been transferred.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising:

causing the destination server to pass the e-mail connection through to the source server when each user logs on for the first time; and
transferring the user's mail folder once the user has logged off.

Claim 17 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein setting up the destination server comprises allocating the destination server the same IP address as the source server, the method further comprising allocating the source server a new IP address.

Claim 18 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising retiring the source server once all e-mail accounts have been transferred.

Claim 19 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 16, further comprising routing mail connections users e-mail accounts via the destination server with a router.

Claim 20 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 19, further comprising retiring the source server once all e-mail accounts have been transferred.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): An apparatus for transferring users' e-mail accounts from a source server to a destination server, the apparatus comprising:

a source server on which is set up the e-mail accounts, each e-mail account having associated log on details; and

a destination server arranged to receive e-mail accounts as they are transferred from the source server, arranged as a gateway transferring e-mail connections to the source server, and further arranged such that, when the user logs on to one of the e-mail accounts using the associated log on details via the destination server for the first time, it ~~automatically~~ collects the associated log on details entered by the user as the user logs on for the first time and initiates the transfer of the user's mail folder and its contents from the source server to the destination server.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): A computer ~~program product for~~ readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing a method of transferring users' e-mail accounts from a source server to a destination server, each e-mail account having associated log on details, the computer readable medium ~~program product~~ comprising:

~~a computer readable program code configured to cause computer executable instructions for causing~~ the destination server to act as a gateway transferring e-mail connections to the source server, and, when the user logs on to one of the e-mail accounts using the associated log on details via the destination server for the first time, ~~to cause for causing~~ the destination server to ~~automatically~~ collect the associated log on details entered by the user as the user logs on for the first time and to initiate the transfer of the user's mail folder and its contents from the source server to the destination server.